

8 July 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, ORR

ATTENTION: Geographic Division

SUBJECT: Request for Contribution to Collection Guide
on Soviet Naval Guided Missile Capability

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1. This is written to formalize a verbal request made on 3 July by [REDACTED] of OSI/GMD to [REDACTED] 25X1A9a Geographic Division, ORR, for the preparation of "vantage point" material for use in a comprehensive ONI collection guide on Soviet Naval guided missile activity.

2. The request stems from an agreement by the CIA member of the Collection Guidance Subcommittee of the Guided Missiles Intelligence Committee (GMIC) to assist ONI in the preparation of a comprehensive collection guide in this field. The Subcommittee, in a review of overall missiles collection guidance found guidance in the Naval guided missile field to be very deficient. Further, in view of the fact that this general subject falls within the highest category of National Intelligence Objectives and that firm information is almost totally lacking, it was the consensus of the Subcommittee that priority attention should be given to the production of adequate guidance material. It is in this context that assistance has been and is being given to ONI.

25X1A9a 3. Specifically, material to be used in completion of the section on "Observation Vantage Points" in Appendix C, ONI 47-37, Draft, 15 June 1958, is requested. A copy of this document is in the hands of [REDACTED] who participated in the 3 July meeting. Pertinent material includes that on transportation -- road, rail, air, boat -- which might be used by a potential source to gain the best vantage point for a given target. Also, data on street elevations, known obstructions, buildings (public or private), parks or monuments which might overlook a target, distance from target, concealment possibilities, etc., would be applicable.

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CIA Member, GMIC

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